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To GEORGE the Second, King of *Great Britain*, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the People call'd *QUAKERS*.

Gracious Sovereign,

IT having pleaſed Almighty God, in whoſe Hand is the Breath of the Greateſt Monarch, to remove by Death our late Gracious King, Thy Royal Father. An Affliction in which, We thy Dutiful Subjects, deeply Share, as Senſible that His Reign was one continued Bleſſing to all His People: And in which we Enjoy'd, not only the Indulgences granted us in the Reigns of His Royal Predeceſſors, but alſo freſh Marks of His own Clemency and Goodneſs. We have therefore great and juſt Cauſe to Condole the Loſs of a Prince ſo Gracious and Beneficent. But when we conſider, that the Merciful Hand of Divine Providence hath placed peaceably upon the Throne, a Son, the Succeſſor of His Royal Virtues, (the Earneſt whereof we beheld with Pleaſure, during the ſhort Experience of Thy Prudent Adminiſtration when Regent) *It is Cauſe ſufficient to abate our Grief, and aſſwage our Sorrow:* And the Hopes we then conceived, are fully Confirm'd by thy Gracious Declaration from the Throne, to make all Thy Subjects Happy and Secure, in the full Enjoyment of their Religious and Civil Rights.

Wherefore, GREAT PRINCE, We, tho' a ſmall Part of Thy Dutiful Subjects, Humbly beg Leave to approach Thy Royal Preſence, with Sincere and Hearty Congratulations on thy Aſcending the *Britiſh Throne*, in Perfect Tranquility.

And to declare our Entire Affection and Dutiful Obedience to thy Royal Perſon and Government, as our Chriſtian and Peaceable Principle enjoyns. And we greatly Hope Thy Hand will be the Happy Inſtrument to finiſh that Good Work began by thy Royal Father, of Calming and Compoſing the Differences of *Europe*, and preventing the Calamities of War, which were ſo lately Threatned.

We alſo Humbly beg Leave to Expreſs the Joyful Senſe Impreſſed upon our Minds, of the Princely Virtues of our Gracious Queen, Thy Royal Conſort, and of the Pleaſing Proſpect of your Numerous and Hopeful Iſſue, who, whilſt they are Shining and Illuſtrious Ornaments around the Throne, are Valuable Pledges of the Future Peace and Security of theſe Kingdoms.

May the Almighty and Allwiſe God, Shower down on Thy Royal Head and Family His Divine, as well as Temporal Bleſſings: May He by His Wiſdom, guide Thee in Thy Councils, to the Promotion of Religion and Virtue, the Support of the Proteſtant Cauſe in General, and the Good of all Thy Subjects.

And may the Weight and Care uſually annexed to a Crown, be Lightned and made Eaſie, by the Dutiful and Cheerful Obedience of a Great and Free People.

To which Addreſs, the King was Pleaſed to give the following Moſt Gracious Anſwer.

The KING'S Anſwer.

This Dutiful and Loyal Addreſs, is very Acceptable to Me, and You may depend upon my Protection.

The Foregoing Humble Addreſs, of the People call'd *Quakers*, was Preſented to the King by *Joſeph Wyeth*, attended by a Large Body of the ſaid People, Introduced by the *Duke* of *Grafton*.

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They afterwards waited on the *Queen*, and *John Eccleſton* made the following Speech.

May it Pleaſe Our Gracious Queen!

As we have been favoured with the Liberty of Acceſs, to our Gracious King, to Condole the Death of his Royal Father, to Congratulate His Acceſſion to the *Britiſh Throne*, and to Tender the Aſſurances of our Affection and Fidelity, to His Royal Perſon and Government.

We beg Leave with great Deference, Humbly to approach Thy Royal Preſence, on the ſame Solemn Occaſions, which we now do with all the Affection and Regard due from Dutiful and Obedient Subjects.

Gracious Queen,

May the Enjoyment of thy Royal Dignity, be Long and Happy, and may Our Preſent Gracious King Long Poſſeſs the *Britiſh Throne* in Peace, till future Time, and Maturity of Years, ſhall Tranſfer it in Safety to Your Royal and Hopeful Offspring, Form'd and Nurtur'd for Government, by Thy Virtuous Care, to be Fit Examples to Future Princes, a Bleſſing to late Poſterity, and the Effectual Security, under Divine Providence, of our Preſent Happy Conſtitution.

To which, the Queen was Pleaſed to give a Very Gracious Anſwer.